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In Re application of:

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FOURCAULT et al.

Examiner: **Davis, Daniel J.**

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Docket No.: **080350-1100**

For:

**A SELF-BORING AND SELF-TAPPING SCREW FOR
OSTEOSYNTHESES AND COMPRESSION**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed November 15, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit following amendments and remarks and the enclosed petition for a 3 month extension of time. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.